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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 15-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 01/15/00	Previous Week 01/08/00
Bro-Fry	160,954	157,538
Lt Hens	2,099	2,089
Hvy Hens	1,335	1,691

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 25-DEC-99 & 01-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens		Heavy Hens		Total	
	12/25/99	01/01/00	12/25/99	01/01/00	12/25/99	01/01/00
Head	348	242	0	0	348	242
Last Week	19	348	0	0	19	348
Same Wk Yr Ago	273	0	0	0	273	0
To Date 1999	22,683	22,925	264	264	22,947	23,189
To Date 1998	24,626	24,626	352	352	24,978	24,978

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens		Heavy Hens		Total	
	12/25/99	01/01/00	12/25/99	01/01/00	12/25/99	01/01/00
Head	2,042	1,838	1,052	980	3,094	2,818
Last Week	2,613	2,042	1,652	1,052	4,265	3,094
Same Wk Yr Ago	1,701	1,836	926	1,051	2,627	2,887
To Date 1999	127,857	129,695	72,139	73,119	199,996	202,814
To Date 1998	127,422	129,258	64,350	65,401	191,772	194,659

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 08-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,587 (A)	2,007	1,626	3,633
Avg Wt	5.01	3.24	7.71	5.24
Last Week	127,584	1,596	980	2,576
Same Week Yr Ago	155,318	2,136	1,390	3,526
Avg Wt	4.89	3.74	7.97	5.41
To-Date/1999	155,587	2,007	1,626	3,633
To-Date/1998	155,318	2,136	1,390	3,526

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 144.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.5 million head or 13.2 million head less than or 109 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending January 01, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	22,793	29,077	37,573
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.13
% Of Total /1	25%	33%	42%
Comparisons			
Last Week	23,672	18,799	23,906
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.20
% Of Total /1	36%	28%	36%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	34,344	23,914	40,193
Avg Weight	3.86	4.75	6.07
% Of Total /1	35%	24%	41%

To Date/1999	1,628,761	1,584,270	2,088,413
To Date/1998	1,719,588	1,792,028	1,584,516

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 01-Jan-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,137	30	5,167
Avg Wt	0.00	27.06	26.87	27.06
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	2,988	59	3,047
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,129	32	4,161
Avg Wt	0.00	23.67 (B)	25.91	23.69
To-Date/1999	56	252,719 (B)	1,950	254,725
To-Date/1998	72	263,082 (B)	1,928	265,082

(B) Includes 795,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,107,000 in 1998.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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